

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, and 7 are the independent claims.

Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended. Claims 10-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. Claims 10-15 have been cancelled. Independent claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended to recite a "pressurized vessel" rather than a "pressure vessel", as suggested by the Examiner. Additionally, independent claims 1 and 7 have been further amended to even better comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kazuali in view of evidentiary reference "Fomblin Z Derivatives" Product Data Sheet by Solvay Solexis, Inc. As claims 10-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this Amendment After Final Rejection clearly places the subject application in condition for allowance. This Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicants believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the instant Amendment as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the

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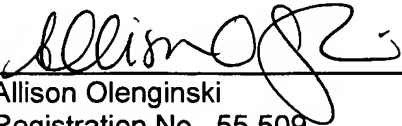
present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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